



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service  
**South Carolina Crop Progress  
and Condition Report**



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**General**

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 4.7 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 14, 2018. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 2.45 inches of rain up to 5.73 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid 70s to the mid 80s. Average low temperatures ranged from the high 50s to the high 60s.

**County Comments**

Hurricane Michael produced moderate amounts of rain across the area and reduced the days to do fieldwork.

**Morris Warner, Oconee County**

Cotton lost yield potential due to lint being blown out by winds from Hurricane Michael.

**Jonathan Croft, Orangeburg County**

The cotton crop appeared affected the worst from Hurricane Michael with some cotton bolls blown to the ground. Losses do not appear to be too great for most producers.

**Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County**

Hurricane Michael managed to do some damage to the cotton crop which was defoliated and ready for harvest. Peanuts appeared to be undamaged, but losses may occur as a result of late digging due to wet fields. Soybeans appeared to be unharmed.

**Charles Davis, Calhoun County**

**Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/14/18**

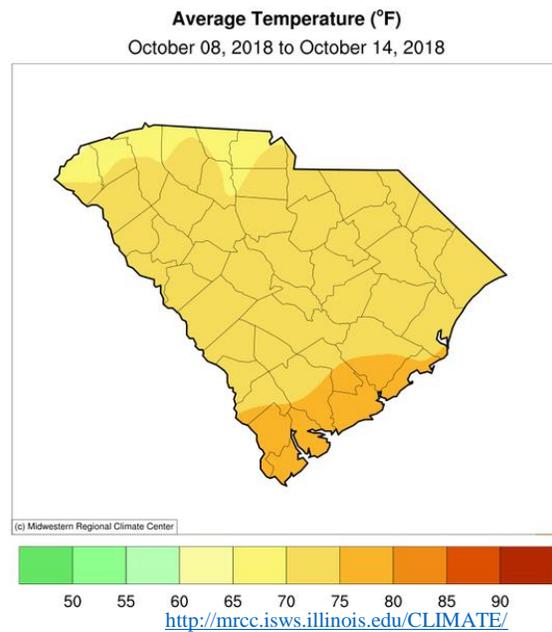
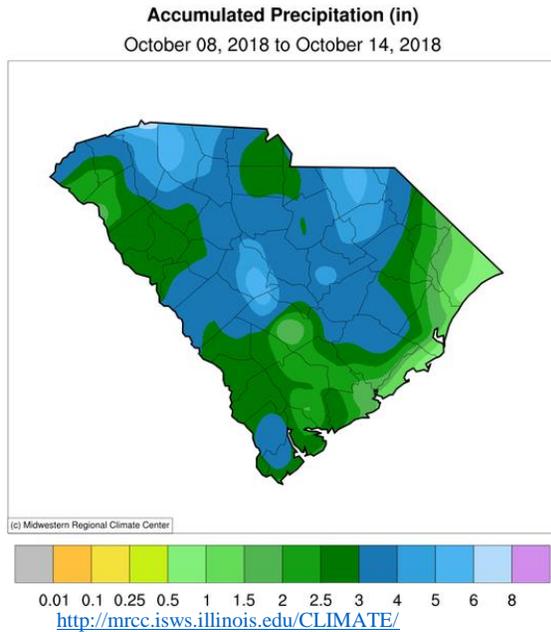
Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	79	68	97	88
Cotton - Harvested .....	18	10	28	17
Oats - Planted .....	6	1	9	NA
Peanuts - Dug .....	46	32	78	NA
Peanuts - Harvested .....	26	14	49	38
Rye - Planted .....	4	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans - Dropping Leaves .....	44	32	65	37
Soybeans - Harvested .....	8	5	5	3
Winter wheat - Planted ...	0	0	10	13

**Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/14/18**

Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle .....	0	0	20	80	0
Cotton .....	1	5	46	35	13
Pasture and range .....	0	4	48	47	1
Peanuts .....	1	2	26	46	25
Soybeans .....	2	14	49	30	5

**Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/14/18**

Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	0	0	NA
Short .....	5	49	NA
Adequate .....	92	51	NA
Surplus .....	3	0	NA
Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short .....	0	0	NA
Short .....	10	45	NA
Adequate .....	87	55	NA
Surplus .....	3	0	NA



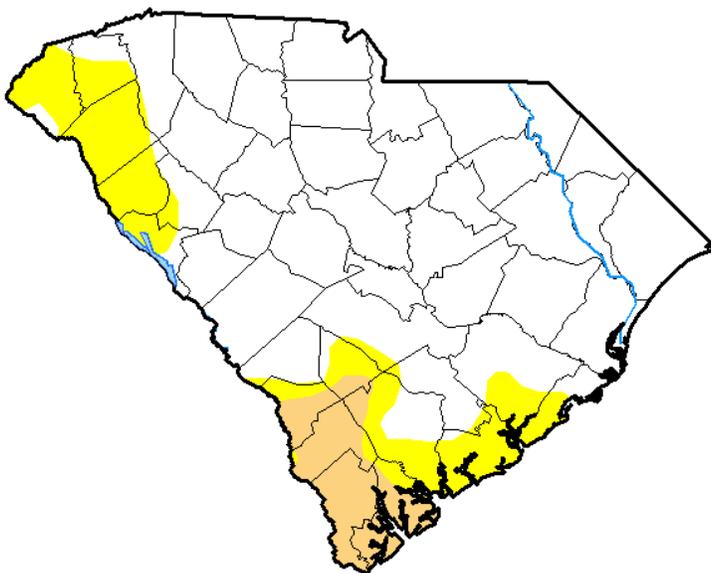
For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary [http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli\\_reports\\_2018.php](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2018.php)

## U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

**October 9, 2018**  
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	77.52	22.48	6.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> 10-02-2018	77.52	22.48	6.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> 07-10-2018	83.96	16.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> 01-02-2018	27.38	72.62	21.77	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> 09-25-2018	89.90	10.10	1.52	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> 10-10-2017	68.19	31.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00



**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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